

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection is requested in view of the claim amendments. As now set forth in claim 1, before the operating system boots, a password is compared to stored information using a graphics controller.

The cited reference of Ultimaco does not indicate how a pre-boot authentication is done. Thus, the reference is not enabling and cannot be used as prior art.

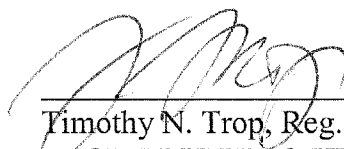
Even if it were considered enabling, it does not indicate that it uses a graphics controller to do the comparison of the password prior to booting of the operating system. Therefore, it cannot meet the limitations of the claimed invention.

Nor is there any reason to believe that Clough for any reason it would use the graphics controller to do such a comparison. In Clough, the system is booted and so it would make no sense to use the graphics controller to do this operation. Moreover, there is no teaching in the reference of doing such a thing.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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